

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please cancel Claims 2-16 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to refer to the parent application, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.78.

Claims 2-16 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter; only Claim 1 is pending.

Applicants presently intend to file a preliminary amendment in this case shortly. Should the Examiner take this case up for action before receiving the preliminary amendment, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to MPEP § 609, Applicants understand that the Examiner will, as part of his examination of this application, consider the art of record in the parent application. A Form PTO-1449 is enclosed, citing the art of record in the parent application, but, pursuant to MPEP § 609, no new copies of the art which was of record in the parent application are provided herewith. Should the Examiner wish to have any further copies of that art submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office, however, Applicants will gladly do so upon request.

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